

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan et al. (US 6,483,498) in view of Wolk et al. (US 6,485,884). Claims 8-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan et al. and Wolk et al. as aforementioned in claims 1 and 7, in view of Quist et al. (US 2002/0044065). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan et al., and Wolk et al. as aforementioned in claim 1 in view of Duwaer (US 5,402,151). Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan et al. and Wolk et al. as aforementioned in claim 1, in view of Albro et al (US 6,403,223). Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested for the following reasons.

Applicant's invention as defined by claim 1, is directed to a touch screen for use with an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display that includes a substrate having a top side and a bottom, the OLED display being located on the bottom side of the substrate; a plurality of touch screen elements located on the top side of substrate; and a polarizing element for reducing glare and improving contrast of the OLED display, wherein the polarizing element is an integral part of the substrate.

Colgan et al. disclose an LCD display with an integrated touch screen that includes a plate 18 that could be considered to be the equivalent of the substrate claimed by Applicant. The plate 18 includes LCD display elements on one side, and touch screen elements on the other side. The display of Colgan et al. also includes a pair of polarizers 24 and 6. Neither of these polarizers is an integral part of the substrate as disclosed and claimed by Applicant. If the Examiner were to argue that plate 8 of Colgan is the substrate, it should be noted that the LCD elements and the touch screen elements would then be located on the same side of the substrate, rather than on opposite sides as claimed by Applicant. Furthermore, the polarizer 6 is disclosed as being coupled to (see col. 4, line 55) the plate 8 rather than being an integral part of the substrate as claimed by Applicant.

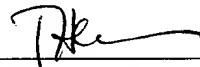
Wolk et al. show an OLED display device with a polarizer, but the polarizer is not a part of a substrate.

Thus, even if the OLED display of Wolk et al. were to be substituted for the LCD display of Colgan et al., the resulting combination would not include a polarizing element that is an integral part of a substrate having an OLED on one side and a touch screen on the other as disclosed and claimed by Applicant. It is believed therefore that claim 1 is patentable over Colgan et al. in view of Wolk et al. The remainder of the claims depend from claim 12 and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons.

It is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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